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**APPLICATIONS  
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY  
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Qualifications for Panel Members. Applicants must have their principal place of business in the Northern District of California and have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, and, in the absence of unusual circumstances, shall have the following qualifications:

- At least five years criminal practice in state or federal court, or three years of experience as an Assistant United States Attorney or Assistant Federal Public Defender.
- In the case of the trial panels, five federal or state felony jury trials or any combination thereof. Any panel member who has not tried two federal criminal jury trials must audit two pre-trial proceedings including motions hearings, two sentencing hearings and two jury trials in federal criminal cases pursuant to the mentor program established under this plan or its equivalent before being appointed to a case.
- In the case of the appellate panel, ten federal or state felony appeals or combination thereof. Five of the required appeals may be replaced with equivalent experience such as criminal trials, habeas corpus proceedings, or complex criminal or civil matters settled short of trial.